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1. The minaret located on the grounds of the castle in Lednice (N 48-48, E 16-48) had been used as a military watchtower since 1952. (For pinpoint location see sketch, page 3.) The minaret was 60 m. high; the top of it was 224 m. above sea level. From the top of this minaret one could easily observe the area on the Czechoslovak side of the border, the border line itself, and the adjacent Austrian territory. Until 1951 the minaret was accessible to tourists.
2. Sometime during 1939 or 1940 the course of the Brno-Bratislava highway in the vicinity of Podivin (N 48-50, E 16-51) and Breclav (N 48-46, E 16-53) was altered as shown by the solid line on the sketch (see page 3). The dotted line between points A-B and points C-D indicates the course of the old road, which has since been used for local traffic only.
3. The Brno-Uherske Hradiste (N 49-04, E 17-27) highway, in the section between Letosov (N 49-09, E 17-04) and Korycany (N 49-07, E 17-11), followed the course shown by the solid line connecting points A-C-B on the sketch (see page 4). This highway was built shortly before World War II and did not follow the course indicated as "approximate location" on the map, V-11, which was used for the overlay. The incorrect course on the map, V-11, is shown by the dotted line connecting points A-B on the sketch. The section of the highway between points C-H was built during World War II or soon after the war. This road does not appear on the map used for the overlay. It was a very modern section of highway which was built to insure faster movement of traffic than the old section, indicated on the sketch by points B-G-F-E-H. The section of the old highway shown between points G-F was in the process of being moved slightly to the south and higher on a slope as of late summer 1954, in order to make room for the wall of a dam. Construction of this dam on the Stupava (N 48-44, E 17-01) River was begun in 1952. There were no plans to build a hydroelectric plant at the site. According to the map used for

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the overlay, the old highway followed the course shown by the dotted line between points E-D on the sketch. In reality, the highway followed the course shown on the sketch by the solid line connecting points E-H-D. The highway following the course indicated by points A-C-H-D was about 12 m. wide; the highway following the course indicated by points C-B-H was about 10 m. wide. Both roads were surfaced with asphalt.

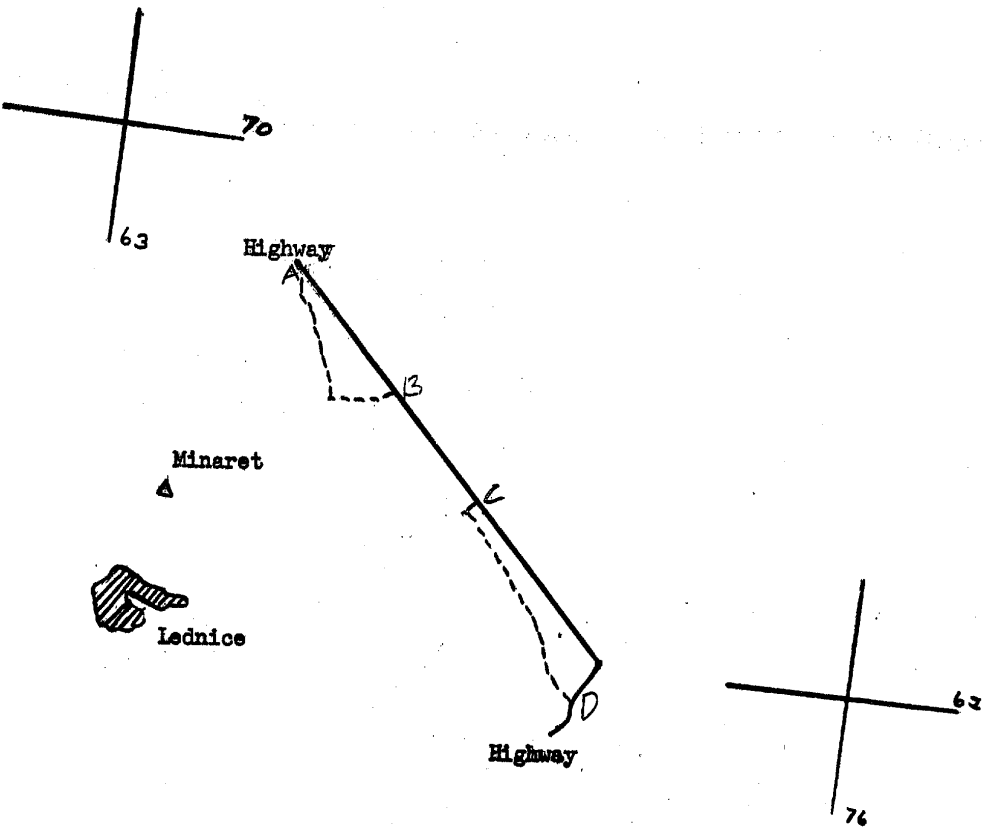
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Location of Military Watchtower in Lednice  
Altered Course of the Brno-Bratislava Highway



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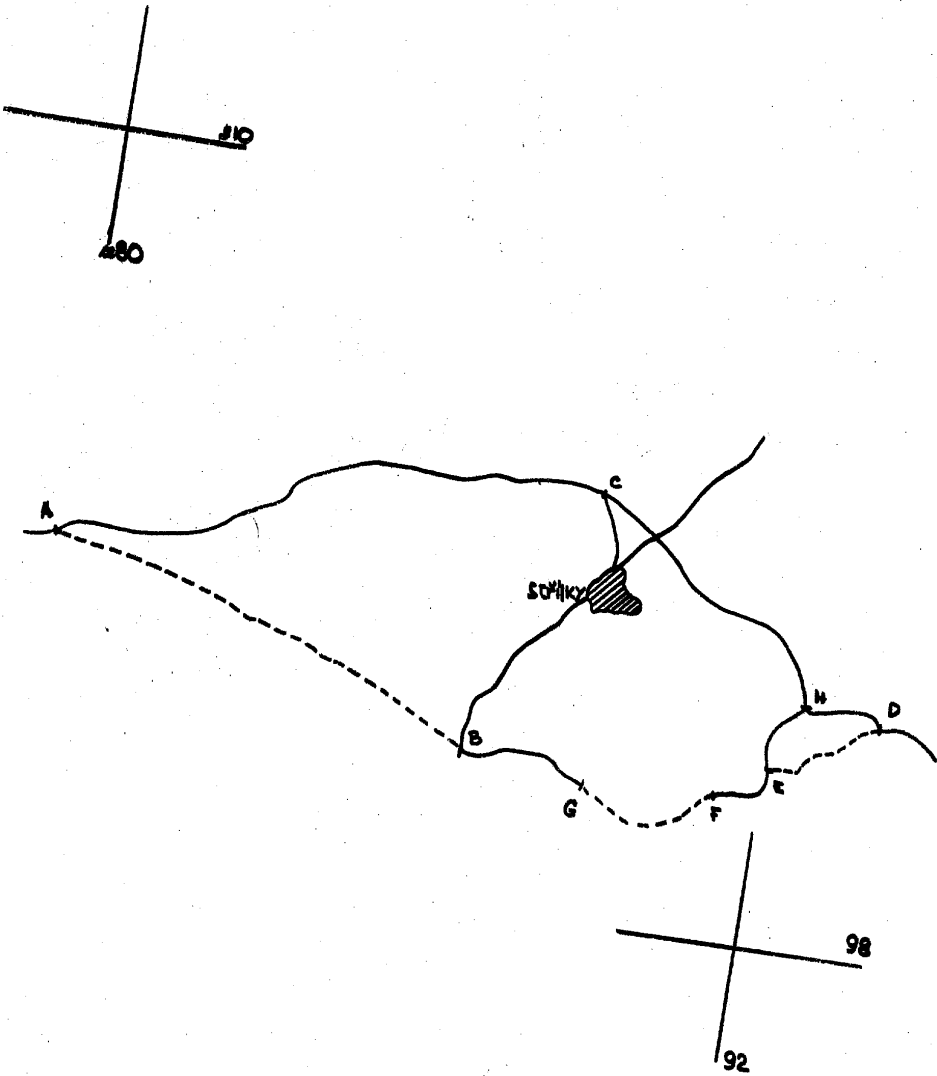
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Changes in the Course of the Brno-Uherske Hradiste Highway



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